

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : LOMBARD et al.  
Serial No. : (not yet assigned)  
Filed : August , 2003  
For : MEAT-CONTAINING, STRIP-SHAPED FOOD PRODUCT  
AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The citations on the attached list of references (modified Form PTO-1449) may be material to the patentability of the above application and are submitted in compliance with the duty of disclosure defined in 37 CFR 1.56. The Examiner is requested to make these citations of official record in this application by initialing the citations on the enclosed modified Form PTO-1449.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's wavier of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) as posted on the PTO web site, copies of the cited U.S. patents and patent publication are not submitted.

A copy of JP 9-149757 is enclosed. The enclosed English abstract and computer-generated English translation obtained from the Japanese Patent Office web site are relied upon as indicating the relevance of JP 9-149757.

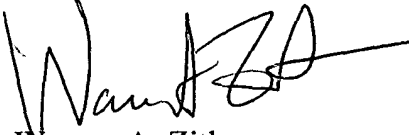
This Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.56 is not to be construed:

1) as an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be material to

LOMBARD et al. - Serial No. (not yet assigned)  
Information Disclosure Statement  
Docket No.: KFHI-109

patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(b), 2) as a representation that a search has been made, 3) that additional information that may be material to the patentability of this application does not exist, or 4) that any one or more of these citations constitute prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren A. Zitlau", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Warren A. Zitlau  
Reg. No. 39,085

Barry I. Hollander  
Reg. No. 28,566

Hollander Law Firm, P.L.C.  
Suite 305, 10300 Eaton Place  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030  
Tel: (703) 383-4800  
Fax: (703) 383-4804

Enclosures:

Form PTO 1449 (2 sheets)  
Copy of Japanese reference

August 27, 2003

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				<b>Complete if Known</b>	
				Application Number	
				Filing Date	
				First Named Inventor	
				Group Art Unit	
				Examiner Name	
Sheet	1	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	KFHI-109

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number Code <sup>2</sup>	Kind <i>(if known)</i>			
		4,534,990		Gellman et al.	08-13-1985	
		4,800,099		Gellman et al.	01-24-1989	
		4,822,626		Spanier et al.	04-18-1989	
		4,868,002		Scaglione et al.	09-19-1989	
		4,883,421		Morgan	11-28-1989	
		4,904,495		Spanier	02-27-1990	
		4,997,671		Spanier	03-05-1991	
		5,045,339		Ducharme	09-03-1991	
		5,114,704		Spanier et al.	05-19-1992	
		5,283,077		Ray	02-01-1994	
		5,290,584		Ray	03-01-1994	
		5,552,176		Marino	09-03-1996	
		5,532,010		Spanier et al.	07-02-1996	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Office <sup>3</sup>	Number	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		JP	9-149757		Ezaki Glico Co. Ltd.	06-10-1997		✓

<b>Examiner Signature</b>		<b>Date Considered</b>	
-------------------------------	--	----------------------------	--

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup>Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup>See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

(Filed August 27, 2003)

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				<b>Complete if Known</b>	
				Application Number	
				Filing Date	
				First Named Inventor	
				Group Art Unit	
Examiner Name					
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	
				KFHI-109	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number Code <sup>2</sup>	Kind (if known)			
		5,731,029		Karowski et al.	03-24-1998	
		5,773,070		Karowski et al.	06-30-1998	
		6,238,726	B1	Fischer	05-29-2001	
		6,410,079	B2	Cheuk et al.	06-25-2002	
		US 2002/0119241	A1	Speck et al.	08/29/2002	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Office <sup>3</sup>	Number	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup>Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup>See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

(Filed August 27, 2003)